

The World

1970 - Monday Night Football begins

1970 - Environmental Protection Agency established.

1971 - First commercial microprocessor introduced

1972 - Watergate break-in occurs

1972 - Nixon travels to China and later signs SALT 1 treaty with Russia

1974 - Nixon resigns the presidency.

1975 - South Vietnam surrenders.

1975 - The PC industry is launched

1977 - "Saturday Night Fever" ignites disco craze in U.S.

1979 - Smallpox eliminated, the only microbial disease ever defeated.

ARS

1970 - Effects of salinity on plant growth determined.

1970 - Continuous chromatography apparatus constructed

1970 - Developed process to make sourdough bread outside of San Francisco area.

1970 - Identified active ingredient in gypsy moth pheromone; synthesized an attractant as effective as female's natural attractant.

1972 - Improved chemical treatment using THPC and other chemicals allowing fire retardant children's sleepwear.

1976 - SuperSlurper patented, a combination of starch and a synthetic chemical that absorbs hundreds of times its own weight in water.

NPARL

1971 - Local Soil
Conservation Service
recommends use of tall
wheatgrass barriers to
conserve moisture,
citing success of studies
at Sidney's ARS Soil
and Water Conservation
Center.

1973 - Sidney ARS scientists Al Black and Ardell Halvorson help develop new methods for identifying potential saline seep areas using the 4-probe-Wenner-resistivity technique.

